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From: Walker, Stuart [Walker.Stuart@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/2/2019 1:45:18 PM
To: Fife, Greg [fife.greg@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: BTW, another rad site

Thanks. Is this a ER, TC, and/or NTC removal? Any local community, press, or political interest? Amazing what you can find out there sometimes.

From: Fife, Greg
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 9:24 AM
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In case you would be interested: We are just getting started on a short removal action involving Radium-226. Found during a sweep conducted by DOE in preparation for a WWE event in the Superdome, New Orleans. DOE originally informed the City. The City used their public works contractor to remove what they thought was lost sealed source. The 3'x3'x30" hole they excavation found Ra-226 but no capsule. The contamination was found at a strata in the street that was paved over in the 1940s or early 1950s. Their post-excavation screening found many more hotspots right around the original spot. About a half a city block and all under the road.

When we did a site walk with our contractors, there were a few spots that were pegging the meter, a micro-R with a 2x2. So over 50,000 microR at the surface with about 18 inches of pavement as shielding. We have the approval and funding and are putting together subcontracts for T&D.

Residential. Lower income. Two blocks from Xavier University. Site name is Lowerline.